



First Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 19, 2026, 8:30am | 8th Sunday after Pentecost

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN | *For the Fruit of All Creation* | ELW #679

1. For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE | *Create in Me a Clean Heart* | ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE | *Glory be to God* | ELW # 204, vs 1

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth.
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Faithful God, **C: most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalm 86:11-17*

R: Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

C: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

R: For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

C: O, God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

R: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

C: Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant.

R: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL | *Matthew 13:24-30*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON | Minister Barry Fewson

HYMN OF THE DAY | *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (2x) ELW #512*

Lord, let my heart be good soil,

open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,

where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

STATEMENT OF FAITH | *Apostle's Creed*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING / NOISY OFFERING | *July: Lutheran Disaster Response*

OFFERTORY SONG | *Holy, Holy, Holy* | ELW #473

1. Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. *(Sing 2x)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN | *Praise and Thanksgiving v. 1, 3-4* ELW #689

1. Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

3. Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

4. Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT VBS

August 3 & 10 @ 5:30-8pm

Join us as we dive into the book of Revelation! The evening will include music art, food and FUN!

SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION

The Women of FLC are collecting items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. They are collecting the following items:

- 70 sheet notebooks,
- boxes of 16 or 24 crayons,
- pencil sharpeners,
- 30 centimeter rulers,
- blunt tip scissors,
- unsharpened no. 2 pencils,
- black or blue pens,
- 2 1/2in erasers.

New items only. Donation bin is outside of the church office.

FUNERAL SERVICES

- Larry Kiono Friday, July 24 @ 11:00am at FLC
- Ruth Olson | Friday, August 7 @ 11:00am at FLC, visitation at 10am.

AGAPE MEAL MAKING

July 20 @ 2pm

Volunteers need to help chop, cook & assemble meals to freeze. For questions, speak to Sonny in the church office.

BLESSING CLOSET NEEDS

- ♦ Men's & Women's summer weight clothing—all sizes.
- ♦ Sweatshirts.
- ♦ Blankets.
- ♦ Sunscreen.

Donations can be brought to the church office. Thanks!

WE CARE RECEIPTS

Save your Central Market receipts! The Rebekah Circle is collecting receipts and turning them in for cash, which is used to support local ministries and organizations. A collection basket is outside of the church office.

SPECIAL MUSIC

We are looking for musicians to provide special music during our summer worship services. All ages and groups are welcome. Talk to Karen Bimberg to schedule a Sunday.
karen@firstlutheranchurch.com

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

RADIO

Sundays at 10AM on KDLM 1340-AM and 93.1-FM

ON-LINE

Live streamed on Facebook and on the FLC YouTube channel.

TELEVISION

Saturday at 9AM on Arvig Cable ch14.

To sponsor a radio broadcast, contact the church office or go to our website for more information.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

May 24 – September 6

8:30 & 10:30am

Join us this summer for worship! Our 8:30 am service is indoors and will be live streamed, the 10:30am service is outdoors on the lawn. If you are joining us outside, please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Prayers for God's People

Bill Wegschied, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Cami Eckhoff, Kathy Larson, Haley & Mel Johnson, Betty Johnston, Alan Bergum, Betty Fischer, Cathy Buchholz, and Sarah Duncan

Prayers of comfort for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, including the family of Ruth Olson, & Larry Kiono.

Youth & Family Ministry

HIGH SCHOOL PIZZA LUNCH

July 23 @ noon at Woodfire Pizza.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BONFIRE & GAME NIGHT

August 23 @ 6-8pm

Registration for 2026-27 YFM programs opens on July 21!

Parents, watch for more information.



**Thanks for
worshiping with us!**

Lead Pastor Joe Skogmo & Minister Barry Fewson
Music Director: Karen Bimberg

Ways to give:
Scan QR code to give online
In person, during the offering.
Mail check to the church office.



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